## Naval Facilities Engineering Command

# Abstract of an Accident

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ACCIDENT TYPE:

**ELECTRICAL MISHAP** 

INJURY:

SECOND DEGREE BURN ON FACE, NECK, AND ARMS

TYPE OF WORK:

PHASE CHECK

**EQUIPMENT:** 

CROUSE-HINDS 60HZ/480V/3-PHASE POWER

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE ACCIDENT:**

Using a lead cable and a volt meter, an employee was performing a phase check on the 60Hz/480V/3-phase power source. When he initiated the contact with the power source using a lead cable, a large current surge occurred, arcing over the employee.

#### DIRECT CAUSE:

The employee did not follow proper procedure and did not use proper testing equipment.

#### **CONTRIBUTING CAUSES:**

- Employee did not have the standard operating procedure.
- Required personal protective equipment was not worn.
- Employee did not perform a job safety analysis.

#### **LESSONS LEARNED:**

- Employees shall review the standard operating procedures prior to commencement of work.
- Always wear non-conductive personal protective equipment for energized work.
- Conduct a job safety analysis prior to job performance.
- Use proper testing equipment in accordance with the standard operating procedure.